1. (First Amendment) An equipment support stand adapted to be used on an underground mining machine which includes at least one apparatus thereon which will [utilise] utilize a plurality of interchangeable items, said stand comprising:

a base adapted to stand on a surface of [a] said machine adjacent to said apparatus;

an upstanding rack mounted to said base, the rack being shaped and configured to hold [and/or] or support said items, said rack including one or more magnetic clamps for holding ferrous metal items to the stand;

securing means for releasably securing said base to said surface; and

wherein there are at least a pair of arms aligned generally side by side with each other and defining a space therebetween in which said items can be located.

13. (First Amendment) An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 4, wherein said hook formation is tensionable by an over [centre] center locking lever connected thereto which, when tensioned, will tightly clamp the stand to the surface.

Please delete Claims 2, 3, 10 and 12.

Please add Claims 14 through 18 as follows:

14. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upstanding rack comprises a frame having one or more arms projecting laterally there from to at least one side thereof.

15. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1, wherein said items in use are held in position by said arms.

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14. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upstanding rack comprises a frame having one or more arms projecting laterally there from to at least one side thereof.

15. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1, wherein said items in use are held in position by said arms.

16. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1, being adapted to be coupled back to back with another stand to provide for double storage capacity.

17. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1 being adapted to be coupled back to back to provide access from at least two sides.

18. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1, including one or more pegs projecting upwardly at an inclined angle to the horizontal, said pegs adapted to support annular items or items having holes or bores there through.